

## A HEPATITIS C VIRUS NON-STRUCTURAL NS3/4A FUSION GENE

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Disclosed herein is the discovery of a novel hepatitis C virus (HCV) isolated from a human patient. Embodiments of the invention include HCV peptides, nucleic acids encoding said HCV peptides, antibodies directed to said peptides, compositions containing said nucleic acids and peptides, as well as, methods of making and using the  
10 aforementioned compositions including, but not limited to, diagnostics and medicaments for the treatment and prevention of HCV infection.

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